



August 19, 2016

Honorable Chih-Kung Lee
Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs
15 Fuzhou St., Taipei, 10015, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Dear Honorable Chih-Kung Lee :

On behalf of Illinois corn farmers and their representatives, the Illinois Corn Growers Association and Illinois Corn Marketing Board, I thank you for your contribution to the ongoing, valuable trading partnership between our two countries.

Taiwan is an important purchaser of U.S. agricultural products, especially U.S. corn. For the 2014/2015 marketing year, Taiwan was the sixth largest market for U.S. corn and a top buyer of U.S. distiller's dried grains with solubles (DDGS), a co-product of ethanol production that is a high-protein feed ingredient for livestock.

Illinois' partner in global corn promotion, the U.S. Grains Council, has been involved in Taiwan for 42 years and has watched it grow into a steady buyer of U.S. coarse grains and co-products. We highly value our relationship with your local industry, and we work closely with Taiwanese feed millers and livestock producers to ensure our trade is of mutual benefit and helps to achieve Taiwan's food security goals.

Members of the 2015 Taiwan Goodwill Mission visited Illinois last year, which was an excellent opportunity to showcase our corn production and export capacity. We were very pleased that this group again signed letters of intent with the U.S. corn industry committing to buy nearly more than \$1 billion of U.S. corn and corn co-products by 2017.

With both record yields and record production of U.S. corn predicted for this crop season, we look forward to continuing to be a reliable supplier and positive trading partner with Taiwan.

Sincerely,

Tom Mueller, Chairman
Illinois Corn Marketing Board

Jeff Jarboe, President
Illinois Corn Growers Association